

## Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 8, 1875, with transcript

Copy of letter from Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell to her son, Alexander Graham Bell  
November 8th, 75 P. O. Box 518 Brantford, Ont., Canada Home, November 8th, 75 (Prof.  
A. Graham Bell 292 Essex Street Salem, Mass. U.S.) My dear Aleck,

I was busy yesterday writing a long letter to Marie Eccleston, and could not therefore prepare my usual weekly dispatch for you. Papa received the "Boston Evening Transcript" last week. We suppose you are too busy to write, but we are anxious to know what answer you may have had from the Hon. G. Brown, and also how your school promises. Papa had heard today from Mrs.— of Salem about the books, which Papa is now looking out and packing to send by Express tomorrow. He read on Friday last at Woodstock to a very good audience. I went with him and felt much the better for the little trip. Woodstock seems to be a pretty place, and a large one. We had a drive before taking the cars on our return. A letter from Chester tells of his having accepted an appointment in London. So far as we see, it appears to be inferior to that he holds in Dublin. He and Sophie however will find it pleasant to be together. I believe your Uncle and Aunt have given up their projected visit to Bermuda. We have not seen Carrie for some time, the expected event cannot be far off now. I wish her Mother was here for I am a complete ignoramus in such matters. Last January she had never told her Mother, and the latter has made the enquiry of me. She intended embarking for Canada some time this month, but I fear the storms we read of as having raged in England and round the British Coast, may have as yet been a prevention. Carrie has got a servant from Miss Rye, which we are very glad of. The following is a copy of what I said to Marie: "Aleck was with us in August but only for a short visit. His Telegraph scheme and Visible Speech work keep him very busy. But in addition to these he has another 2 absorbing subject at heart. He designs bye and bye to give us an American daughter-in-law. He enters with his customary enthusiasm into

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this new undertaking. We however hear the young lady very highly spoken of from other quarters also. We can only hope there may be love on both sides". I enclosed to her the newspaper report of your meeting at the Telegraph office here. Marie seems to be still in correspondence with Mr. MacBurnie, as she spoke of his intimacy with one of your cousins in Australia, and of Mr. McB. having spent an evening there before he left Melbourne last spring. Papa brought home today a very pretty and nice little coal oil stove which can be moved about from room to room as easily as a lamp. It consumes its own smoke and Mary has it just now in the drawing room whilst she practices. It is designed principally for the little bed room, for which hitherto we have had no means of warming except by the warmer air of the drawing room. With dear love in which Papa and your cousins unite, I am my dear Aleck,

Your affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell